



Conference of Local Health Officials

April 21st, 2022

Meeting of the Conference of Local Health Officials

Meeting Began: 9:32 AM

Executive Members: Present: Jocelyn Warren, CLHO Chair, Lane; Carrie Brogoitti, Vice-Chair, Center for Human Development, Union; Pat Luedtke, Health Officer Rep, Lane; Jackson Baures, Large County Rep, Jackson; Katrina Rothenberger, Secretary/Treasurer, Marion; Lindsey Manfrin, Public Health Administrator of Oregon Caucus; Shane Sanderson, Medium County Representative, Linn; Joseph Fiumara, Coalition of Local Environmental Health Specialists
Absent: None

Members Present (x if present):

X	Baker - Nancy Staten	X	Jackson - Jackson Baures		North Central PHD - Shellie Campbell
X	Benton – April Holland	X	Jefferson - Mike Baker	X	Polk – Naomi Adeline
X	Clackamas – Philip Mason-Joyner	X	Josephine - Janet Fredrickson	X	Tillamook - Marlene Putnam
X	Clatsop – Margo Lalich	X	Klamath - Jennifer Little	X	Umatilla - Joseph Fiumara
	Columbia - Mike Paul	X	Lake - Judy Clarke	X	Union - Carrie Brogoitti
X	Coos - Anthony Arton	X	Lane - Jocelyn Warren		Washington – Marie Boman-Davis
X	Crook – Katie Plumb	X	Lincoln - Florence Pourtal	X	Wheeler - Shelby Thompson
X	Deschutes – Nahad Sadr-Azodi	X	Linn – Shane Sanderson	X	Yamhill - Lindsey Manfrin
X	Douglas - Bob Dannenhoffer	X	Malheur - Sarah Poe		
X	Grant – Kimberly Lindsay	X	Marion - Katrina Rothenberger	X	HO Caucus - Pat Luedtke
	Harney – Nic Calvin	X	Morrow – Robin Canaday	X	CLEHS Caucus - Joseph Fiumara
X	Hood River - Trish Elliot	X	Multnomah – Jessica Guernsey	X	PHAO - Lindsey Manfrin

Public Health Division: Danna Drum, Sara Beaudrault, Rachael Banks, Tim Noe, Laura Chisholm, Lisa Shields, Helene Rimberg

Other LPHA Staff: Megan Chancey, Stacey Brubaker, Jill Quackenbush



Coalition of Local Health Officials: Sarah Lochner, Executive Director; Laura Daily, Program Manager

Guests:

Motion: Katrina Rothenberger moved to approve the March 2022 minutes. Margo Lulich seconded the motion. Unanimous vote, motion passed.

Agenda Items

Appointments: Carrie Brogoitti made the follow appointments:

Communicable Disease Committee: Gerald Dyer (Benton); Callie Lamendola-Gilliam (Lincoln)

Joint Leadership Team: Katie Plumb (Crook) as Small County Rep; Marie Boman-Davis (Washington) as Legislative Committee Rep

Opioid Settlement & HB 4098: Tim Noe and Laura Chisholm provided an update on the national opioid settlement and HB 4098 (presentation available in the meeting materials). HB 4098 was passed in the 2022 Legislative Session and named OHA as the agency in charge of managing the settlements. Oregon's Attorney General litigated multiple settlements:

- Distributor settlement (McKesson, Cardinal Health, and Amerisource Bergen)
- Johnson & Johnson/Janssen Pharmaceuticals
- Purdue Pharma (still pending)

There is also \$590 million going to the Federally Recognized Tribes in a separate suit.

The two agreements that have been settled were reached in 2021, and there is an estimated >\$333 million coming to Oregon. 55% of these funds will go into the Subdivision Fund and will be paid directly to cities and counties with populations > 10,000. These allocation decisions will be made locally. 45% of the funding will go the State of Oregon Opioid Settlement Prevention, Treatment & Recovery Fund (OSPTR). Approximately \$150 million will come in 18 payments from spring 2022 through 2038. All these allocation decisions will be made through a board created by HB 4098. This board will be made up of 18 members (15 voting members). Relevant to this group, here are 2 different seats for county representatives, 1 CLHO representative, and 1 community mental health representative. A call for application has already gone out through the Governor's Office.



HB 4098 also requires that the state allocations be aligned with the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission Strategic Plan. There is also requirement of a data system to track availability & efficacy of substance use and recovery programs. Implementation of HB 4098 will be complex. OHA is in the midst of the administrative aspects of setting up the fund, hiring OHA administrative staff, and recruiting/convening the Board. There are also legal and tribal consultations going on and communication plans being set up. OHA is committed to transparency and advancing equity in this process, and Laura offered to answer any questions.

Joe Fiumara asked if the allocations going to cities and counties will be issued in 18 payments like the state funds. Laura stated that the funding will likely be coming through multiple payments but will be front-loaded. Joe also asked about the changes to the program element for this program and when that will happen. Laura stated that

Sarah Lochner asked about the applications from the Governor's Office. She asked for more information so that she can open up the application to CLHO members. Laura stated that she will check in with DOJ and find out more about the process. Public seats may be filled through Workday, but organizational seats may be a more direct process.

Bob Dannenhoffer stated that he was grateful to see the list of strategies and asked if there would be a way to see what cities and counties are doing with the money. Laura stated that she doesn't believe there is anything set up for that - OHA would not be able to push for that because of their hands-off involvement, but the CLHO's representative on the Board can advocate for that. Bob also asked about enforcement for if cities and counties decide to put the funds towards other efforts (such as repaving the road in front of the treatment center). Laura stated that DOJ would likely be handling all the compliance aspects.

Jackson asked about the process for the county/city seats on the Board. Laura stated that she would follow-up on this.

Lindsey Manfrin asked about if cities and counties will be held to the same standards for OHA and if there is some estimate of what cities and counties will receive. Laura stated that she could follow-up but that she believed cities and counties would have the same standards. She stated that there are no official estimates but that counties can calculate their own estimate by taking 55% of the \$333 million and then multiple by the percentage their county makes up of Oregon.



Title X & Reproductive Health Programs: Helene Rimberg provided an update on the Title X program – Oregon exited the program in 2019 due to restrictions imposed by the Trump Administration but rejoined when those were rescinded by the Biden Administration. This funding began April 1 and will be \$3.1 million dollars per year for 5 years (total of \$15.5 million). PE 46 will not change at this time, but the funding source will switch back to Title X on July 1st, 2022 (new fiscal year). For clinical programs, Title X funds will be used starting May 1. OHA is looking forward to these funds and for making efforts to advance equity.

BM 108/TPEP Scope of Work: Jennifer Little (HPP Co-Chair) provided an update on the TPEP scope of work based on new funding from the BM 108. The original plan had been to rework PE 13, but the HPP Committee is instead working through a different process where LPHAs will amend current work plans and budgets. OHA is being flexible and only requires that the work collaborate with community and reduce tobacco-related health inequities. Jennifer asked that CLHO members on the call talk with their HPP representatives to provide feedback at their next meeting (happening on Wednesday, April 27th @ 4 PM).

Modernization Updates: Kusuma Madamala provided an update on the Public Health Modernization Evaluation. OHA is in the process of creating a technical assistance panel to develop the evaluation, and OHA would like to recruit several LPHA staff to sit on this panel. They will also pull together a workgroup to delve more into the details of the content areas. The goal is to make the accountability metrics related to Triennial Reviews and other metrics already collected. There will also be connections to the PH workforce and to what extent we've made advancements in PHM. The technical assistance panel is seeing people with expertise in communicable disease, preparedness and planning, environmental health, measurements of workforce. Jessica Guernsey stated that she would be interested but will defer to someone else – she referenced some national work from the Big Cities Coalition that has some important crossover. Marie Boman-Davis also volunteered but deferred to Jessica and other administrators outside the metro area. Jennifer Little tentatively volunteered Jessica Dale (co-chair of the Systems & Innovation Committee), and Lindsey Manfrin volunteered.

Sara Beaudrault also provided an update on the Public Health Modernization policy option package. A workgroup has been meeting to review the priorities and have framed the priorities around the foundational capabilities rather than the foundational program. There is also an LPHA/CBO workgroup that reviewed these on Monday and reviewed some of the alignment. The JLT workgroup wrapped up most work yesterday, and OHA will be submitting the first draft of the POP to OHA leadership. Once OHA leadership has provided input on priorities, the JLT workgroup will be reconvened later in the



summer. Sara stated that even if OHA is not able to advocate for the full funding ask, this work is important because it aligns OHA and CLHO in their priorities and advocacy. Sara is cleaning up a final draft of the priorities and will share that soon.

Sarah Lochner added that the state is flush with cash right now and asked OHA to emphasize that now is the time to invest in public health given the attention on public health. Jennifer Little asked if LPHAs should be talking to commissioners while OHA leadership is reviewing the POP to begin advocacy. Sarah Lochner answered that yes, this is the time to begin talking to commissioners and legislators and providing show-and-tell tours.

Jessica Guernsey asked if there will be an opportunity to have a “lessons learned” moment to review our messaging and how we are talking about public health. Sarah Lochner answered that CLHO is hoping to invest a bit of money into communications to work on messaging in the next budget year and is willing to convene a workgroup about lessons-learned. Sara Beaudrault also referenced that SB 1554, which commissions a COVID After Action Report, will have an initial report in September which can inform some of this.

Trust Building Next Steps: Danna Drum and Laura Daily provided an update on the trust-building follow-up from the retreat. CLHO members identified possible next steps for building trust among the public health system and then voted (dot-voting) on which option should be our immediate next step. The final proposed steps and the votes for each were:

- Pause and plan our definition of collaborative roles (8)
- Tiger team approach to ongoing collaboration (6)
- Identify North Star and build structure (4)
- OHA/LPHA work exchange program (4)
- Strategic planning (2)
- Reflect and honor people doing the work
- Reinvigorate system for LPHAs to collaborate at state level
- OHA presence in rural communities

JLT discussed how to implement the pausing and planning our definitions of collaborative roles this morning. The CBO/LPHA Workgroup has been working on a document to outline the unique and overlapping roles of OHA, LPHA, and CBOs. JLT determined that this would be a good place to start and that JLT will review this and bring it to the CLHO Board in May.



Danna also shared that OHA is also committed to sharing information with administrators when there are big decisions coming down the pike and committed to being transparent about their struggles. Urgent decisions may be communicated through direct outreach, and JLT had suggested that the transparency around struggles be in-person if possible. The Coalition Board meetings might be held in-person/hybrid every so often, and this venue would be a good place to have these discussions.

Florence Pourtal asked about the definition of roles and whether this will be checked against the PHM Manual. Danna stated that the CBO/LPHA workgroup has been reviewing roles with the understanding that the manual was focused on governmental public health and that work is to review if there are pieces that the manual missed.

Jocelyn Warren referenced other partners in public health work, such as CCOs, health systems, and schools. She wants to be sure we are not too narrow in our discussion of partners by limiting it just to OHA, LPHAs, and CBOs.

Florence Pourtal stated that she understood the need to review the manual but that she would hope this is all done in collaboration like the development of the manual was. Florence also stated that it would be helpful to have a very clear sense of where we are going and when. Though “strategic planning” only received 2 votes at the retreat, she thinks this would be very important, and she sees crossover between strategic planning and defining roles. She also asked to have a longer conversation around this topic. Pat Luedtke stated that in a previous role in a different state, he had conversations about how public health’s role was simply to survive, and that the last 2 years have emphasized that even more.

April Holland stated that there appears that not everyone voted and that it would be hard to say that this is definitively the direction to go. Laura Daily stated that the purpose of this exercise at the retreat was just to identify the immediate next step – all the identified steps can be considered in the coming months. Katie Plumb observed that a general theme in these 8 concepts is all about planning together and that the concept that got the most votes is simply a bite-sized piece that is easy to grab onto.

Cara Biddlecom stated that we will need to be mindful of the PHAB’s in this conversation and in decision-making. Pat asked if this was PHAB’s role – when he was on PHAB, this was not the type of conversation they had. Cara stated that the statutory role of PHAB has changed since then. Bob Dannenhoffer stated that he is on PHAB and the Funding & Incentives subcommittee of PHAB, and it seems as though they handle minor decisions. He stated that the Funding & Incentives



subcommittee did not review/hear about the decision to provide CBOs with PHM funding. Florence Pourtal stated that she has never really felt as though the PHAB was in touch with LPHAs.

Danna Drum referenced that there is a CLHO representative, four LPHA representatives, and a health officer representative on the PHAB with the intent to connect LPHAs to PHAB. Sarah Poe stated that she has resigned from PHAB because she feels that it is moving in a direction that is not including local public health. Bob stated that he has been on PHAB for 5 years, and he agrees with Sarah's assessment - discussion about CBOs do not seem to happen with PHAB, and when he asked about the BM 108 funding in June 2021 he was told that that wasn't an appropriate conversation for PHAB.

Rachael Bank acknowledged all this feedback and stated OHA would take this back to PHAB and discuss ways to improve processes and communications. Sara Beaudrault reiterated this and added that PHAB is in a transition stage and is trying to establish their roles and goals going forward.

Jessica Guernsey stated that she is not on PHAB and that she agrees with Bob's idea of needing to have intersections with CLHO. She stated that she also thinks that the varied makeup of PHAB (CBOs, academic partners, CCOs, etc.) is appropriate to include all the voices even if it is challenging to navigate.

Jocelyn Warren asked for some clarity around the PHAB's statutory role and why PHAB was not involved in the two biggest funding decisions impacted the public health system.

Danna Drum offered to have an agenda item on the May Conference Agenda reviewing the role of PHAB. Marie Boman-Davis stated that this would be particularly helpful for newer administrators. Joe Fiumara stated that he's been an administrator for a few years and still isn't sure of PHAB's role and would appreciate the information. Carrie Brogoitti stated that it would be great to have a refresher and that CLHO may need to revisit how the LPHA and CLHO reps to PHAB interact and engage with the larger group of CLHO. Sarah Lochner stated that we can have a standing agenda item on the Conference Agenda that includes a report back from PHAB representatives. She also suggested that PHAB have a steering committee to give a voice in setting the agendas.

Health Officer Insurance: Danna Drum that they are still working on resolving the problems with liability insurance for health officers. Association of Oregon Counties will be discussing this at their May meeting.



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Meeting Adjourned at 11:17 AM.